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1. During the summer 1952, Prof. Dr. Friedrich Moeglich of the Buch Institute fuer Festkoerperforschung became annoyed with the German Academy for two reasons: (a) the Academy refused to allocate more money for his institute and (b) he was told by the Academy to move out of Buch.
2. To vent his anger Prof. Moeglich prepared a memorandum in which he attacked the German Academy in strong terms, accusing the group of misuse of funds, and general incompetence. His personal target was Dr. Josef Naas, then director of the Academy. He used a channel of friends to bring his memorandum to the top levels passing it, as far as could be ascertained, through the hands of Dr. Berger, a secretary to Walter Ulbricht. It is suspected, but not known definitely, that Dr. Hans Wittbrodt also appeared in this channel. In any case, the memorandum did reach Walter Ulbricht.

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In the special meeting of the German Academy on [redacted] Ulbricht attacked the Academy along much the same line as Moeglich. Subsequently, Dr. Naas resigned and Dr. Wittbrodt became director of the Academy. At this time the DDR government suggested to the Academy that Moeglich be made a member but this suggestion was refused by vote of the members.

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